

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough examination of the present application as evidenced by the Office Action of August 8, 2006 (hereinafter "Office Action"). In response, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1 and 16 are amended to include the recitations of dependent Claims 2 and 17, respectively, which are canceled herein. Claims 3, 4, 18, and 19 are amended to change the claims upon which they depend. New Claims 31-38 are added and depend from various ones of independent Claims 1, 10, 16, and 25, respectively.

Claims 1, 3-16, and 18-38 are pending in the application. Applicant respectfully submits that the cited references fail to disclose or suggest the recitations of the pending independent Claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of all pending claims is respectfully requested for at least the reasons discussed hereafter.

Independent Claims 1 and 16 are patentable

Independent Claim 1, as amended, recites, in part:

a user interface coupled to the controller wherein the user interface is configured to ***accept user input of pointer commands*** and wherein the controller and transmitter are configured to ***transmit the pointer commands*** over the wireless link to the remote electronic display.

(*Emphasis added.*) Independent Claim 16, as amended, includes similar recitations.

Claims 1-9 and 16-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0054794 to Zhang (hereinafter "Zhang"). (Office Action, page 2). Claims 1 and 16, as amended, include recitations from Claims 2 and 17, respectively. Regarding the recitations of Claims 2 and 17, the Office Action states that:

Zhang teaches a user interface coupled to the controller wherein the user interface is configured to accept user input of pointer commands and wherein the controller and transmitter are configured to transmit the pointer commands over the wireless link to the remote electronic display. (Page 2; [0027-0032] and Page 5 [0061-0062])

(Office Action, page 3). Applicant respectfully disagrees with this interpretation of Zhang's teachings. Zhang describes that a "helper server returns a remote control interface description to the handheld device," which then "builds a Graphical User Interface (GUI) from the interface description and remotely controls the task on the helper server, according to user interaction with the handheld device." Zhang, paragraph 0032. "The description contains graphical interface representations such as buttons and menus as well as user interactions such as "sending a page down" message if a specific button is pressed." Zhang, paragraph 61. A simple graphical interface can include control buttons such as "play," "pause" and "fast forward." Zhang, paragraph 62. The application specific interfaces are stored on the helper servers and not in the handheld device. Zhang, paragraph 63. Zhang appears to provide for user interfaces accessible in the handheld device that are specific to and provided by the helper server.

Thus, in sharp contrast to the recitations of independent Claims 1 and 16, Zhang does not appear to include any disclosure related to a user interface coupled to the controller wherein the user interface is configured to *accept user input of pointer commands* and wherein the controller and transmitter are configured to *transmit the pointer commands* over the wireless link to the remote electronic display.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 1 and 16 are patentable over Zhang. Further, since the amendments made to independent Claims 1 and 16 were previously recited in dependent Claims 2 and 17, respectively, no new issues have been raised.

Independent Claims 10 and 25 are patentable

Independent Claim 10 recites, in part:

an Internet protocol browser, wherein the Internet protocol browser is configured to receive image data and *pointer commands* from a hand-held electronic device without a wired coupling to the hand-held electronic device, wherein the image data is received at the Internet protocol browser in an Internet protocol format, and wherein the Internet protocol browser is configured to provide the image data visually using the display *responsive to the pointer commands* from the hand-held electronic device.

(*Emphasis added.*) Independent Claim 25 includes similar recitations.

Claims 10-15 and 25-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U. S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0054114 to DuVal et al. (hereinafter "DuVal"). (Office Action, page 4). Regarding Claims 10 and 25, the Office Action states that:

DuVall teaches an electronic display device (Fig. 1[10] and Page 1[0009] comprising a display configured to display electronic data (Page 1 [0008-0010], an Internet protocol browser, wherein the Internet protocol browser is configured to receive image data and pointer commands from a handheld electronic device without a wired coupling to the handheld electronic device, wherein the image data is received at the Internet protocol browser in an Internet protocol format, and wherein the Internet protocol browser is configured to provide the image data visually using the display responsive to the pointer commands from the handheld electronic device. (Page 1, [0005, 0008-0012] and Page 2 [0015-0019])

(Office Action, page 4). Applicant respectfully disagrees with this interpretation of DuVal's teachings. DuVal describes that:

an internet access device 11 can be used to interrogate display device 10 to determine its control commands, and to generate an appropriate user interface. In this manner, the internet access device 11, in addition to controls integrated into the display device 10, can be used for user control.

DuVal, paragraph 0016. Additionally, "[d]isplay device 10 might also have various user interface features, although a feature of the invention is that internet access device 11 can be used to generate commands that control the operations of the display device 10."

DuVal, paragraph 0017. Generally, Duval appears to provide for the generation of a user interface in the internet access device for controlling the display device.

Thus, in sharp contrast to the recitations of independent Claims 10 and 25, DuVal does not appear to include any disclosure related to an electronic display device having an Internet browser configured to receive image data and *pointer commands* from a handheld electronic device...wherein the Internet protocol browser is configured to provide the image data visually using the display *responsive to the pointer commands* from the handheld electronic device.

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For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that independent Claims 10 and 25 are patentable over DuVal.

The dependent claims are patentable

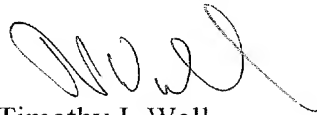
For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully submits that dependent Claims 3-9, 11-15, 18-24, and 26-38 are patentable at least as they depend from various ones of allowable independent Claims 1, 10, 16, and 25, respectively.

Additionally, Applicant submits that various ones of the dependent claims are separately patentable and, for the sake of brevity in this communication, will reserve the right to present such arguments in future communications if necessary.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the above-entitled application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (919) 854-1400.

Respectfully submitted,

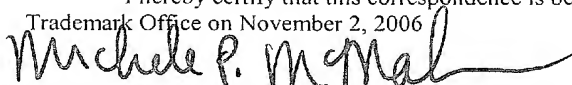


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